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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- ☐ the drawings:
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>6.7.8</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-5.9-11</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO 0051898 A1

D2: EP 0856469 A2

D3: US 20020124527 A1

D1 discloses a transport assembly comprising a transportation means (1) which comprises a pallet-like carrying structure (2) with two long sides (21), two short sides (22), four corners (23), an upper surface (24) and a lower surface (25). The carrying structure is provided with wheels (3) at each of the four corners (23) of which at least two of the wheels (3) are of the swivel castor wheel type (3') the upper surface (24), furthermore, is provided with receiving means which are intended to receive the wheels (3) of a second transportation means (1) stacked on top of a first transportation means (1) so that a number of such transportation means may be stacked, and fixated horizontally, one on top of the other, the upper surface (24) being provided with two narrow long side channels arranged parallel to the long sides (21) and stretching from one short side (22) to the other, the long side channels being placed at a distance from each other which is mainly equal to the distance between the wheels (3), as seen from a short side (22), wherein transportation means (1) may be placed one on top of the other by rolling them into engagement with each other in a lengthways direction.

The invention according to claim 1 differs from D1 in that

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the transport assembly further comprises a plurality of containers stacked on top of the transportation means (1) and that a lid is applied on top of the stack of containers. However, it is commonly known to a person skilled in the art to stack containers on top of a pallet-like carrying structure and to apply a lid on top of the stack of containers, see for example D2, fig. 7a, 9a and 10.

Accordingly, the invention according to claim 1 is not considered to involve an inventive step.

D3 discloses a transport assembly that is secured from unauthorised tampering by means of providing a tensional strap with a seal.

Accordingly, the invention according to claims 3 and 4 is not considered to involve an inventive step.

In view of the cited documents D1-D3, claims 2, 5 and 9-11 are matters of fact, which are previously known from the cited documents or are obvious to a person skilled in the art.